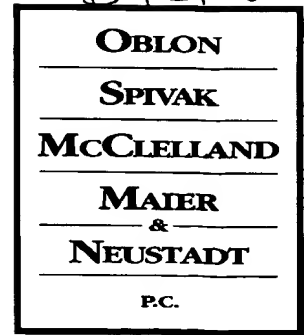




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Applicants: Masaaki WACHI, et al.  
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**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**  
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Respectfully submitted,

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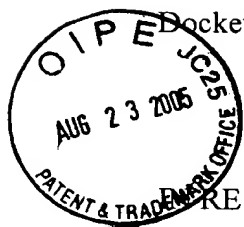
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Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated July 11, 2005, Applicants request that the Examiner provide acknowledgment that the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 8, 2003, have been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with initialed copies of the Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement as originally filed on August 8, 2003, along a copy of the references for which consideration is requested and the date-stamped filing receipts dated evidencing the timely filing thereof.

An early and favorable indication that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered is kindly solicited.

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